



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

STATE LODGE OF MICHIGAN



March 19, 2013

Rep. Wayne Schmidt
Chairman
House Transportation Committee

Sir

Today your committee will be discussing Senate Bill 108, sponsored by Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, which proposes to name a section of Interstate 94 in Kalamazoo in memory of Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata who was killed in the line of duty two years ago.

The Fraternal Order of Police, of which Officer Zapata was a member, believes this gesture is the most fitting form of recognition for the supreme sacrifice he gave. We obviously lost a fellow officer who will never be forgotten by us. But the community Officer Zapata served, the many families he touched, also suffered a tremendous loss. Officer Zapata loved the work he did and he loved the people he served. What better way to keep his memory alive than to drive one of the actual roads he patrolled named in his honor.

On behalf of the seven thousand members of the FOP across the state we encourage your committee to pass this simple but most important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hiller".

Dave Hiller
Michigan Fraternal Order of Police